

## Patent Abstracts of Japan

PUBLICATION NUMBER : 11177700  
PUBLICATION DATE : 02-07-99

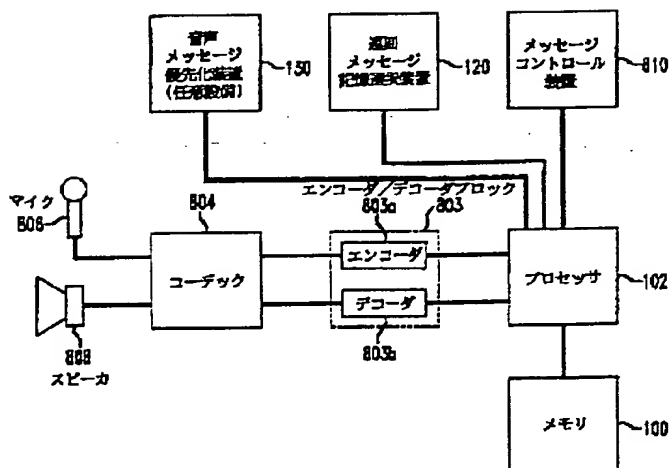
APPLICATION DATE : 02-10-98  
APPLICATION NUMBER : 10281489

APPLICANT : LUCENT TECHNOLOG INC;

INVENTOR : JOSEPH M CANNON;

INT.CL. : H04M 3/50 H04M 3/42

TITLE : VOICE MESSAGE SYSTEM



**ABSTRACT :** PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To maintain an appropriate proportion between preservation of old messages and storage of new message even when a memory is fully occupied by newly storing a voice message if a cyclic message storage selection function is active so as to automatically overwrite a previously stored voice message.

**SOLUTION:** When a switch is inactivated, the storage of a cyclic message is disabled for voice messages stored later, and this disabled state continues till the storage is made possible by activating a cyclic message storage selector 120. By permitting the cyclic message storage when the memory 100 is fully occupied, an oldest voice message in the memory 100 among voice messages arranged in time sequence from the oldest voice message to the newest one is automatically overwritten till a sufficient capacity of a voice message memory 100 becomes idle so that a newly received voice message can be stored.

COPYRIGHT: (C)1999,JPO